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IMMIGRATION

Migrant parents face deportation

Many who sent for kids in violent lands are now targeted as 'smugglers'

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Federal agents are pursuing deportation cases against hundreds of unauthorized immigrant parents who sent for their children from sometimes dangerous countries.

Maria Pacheco, 27, arranged for her daughter to travel north from her birthplace in El Salvador to the U.S. over the summer.

It was a few months before the girl's 13th birthday. Pacheco feared the worst: Yaquelin could be sexually assaulted by a gang member, just as Pacheco had been at the same age.

Yaquelin was detained at the border. After a few days of processing, she was released into her mother's custody pending the outcome of her deportation case.

Days later, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent called her cellphone and told her they needed to meet.

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SPAIN

Crackdown on Catalonia

Madrid fires region's government after independence vote

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BARCELONA, Spain — Spain's leader on Friday fired the government of the rebellious Catalonia region, dissolved the regional parliament and ordered new elections after Catalan lawmakers declared an independent nation.

The showdown escalated the biggest political crisis in decades to hit Spain, which is just emerging from a prolonged economic malaise. Catalonia is a critical part of the economy in Spain, the fifth-largest in Europe.

Santi Palacios/The Associated Press

Independence supporters celebrated in Barcelona on Friday after the region's parliament passed a motion to establish an independent Catalan Republic.

"We never wanted to reach this situation, never," Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said on television, announcing the emergency steps he was taking under the constitution to crush Catalan independence.

Rajoy's move capped a frenzied day of political maneuvering in Madrid, Spain's capital, and Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia, where the long drive for independence — illegal under Spain's Constitution — has reached its fiercest level yet.

Whether the separatist emotion behind the independence declaration will now grow or fade could depend on how aggressively the central authorities in Madrid enforce the takeover in coming days.

As of Friday night, it was

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MAN OF THE CENTURY

Chester's 100 now, but he'd rather work 2 days a week than sit around

Vernon Bryant/Staff Photographer

Chester Hollingsworth, who turned 100 this month, works on inventory at S&H Distributing in Dallas, making sure the new products are represented on the sheet where the samples are displayed. He works Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Not the retiring type

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All he wanted was a little more sleep.

It was 5:45 a.m., 15 minutes before his alarm was set to ring, and Chester Hollingsworth lay in bed, tired, especially after a weekend celebrating a birthday he never thought he'd make.

A few more hours of rest, he thought, would do him well. But today was a Tuesday. And on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Hollingsworth goes to work.

ONLINE: Watch Chester Hollingsworth share his secrets to reaching the age of 100. Hint, he likes chocolate. **dallasnews.com/video**

The alarm clock rang. It was time to get out of bed.

He dug both elbows into the mattress and carefully twisted his body on its side. He dropped his legs off the edge, then slowly sat up. He rocked back and forth, warming up his limbs, before taking his first steps of the day.

Getting dressed took 30 minutes. The hardest part was his pants, where he leaned against a wall and tried to stay balanced.

That's what happens when you're 100 years old.

Hollingsworth hit the century mark on Oct. 18. Months before, he'd told family and co-workers the same thing: He would finally retire.

He has worked most of his life. By age 8, he was already picking cotton at the Greenville farm he grew up on. After high school, he worked odd jobs, as a waiter and at a credit union. When he returned from World War II, where he served in the Pacific, he and a partner started their own successful flooring company in Dallas.

By 1988, Hollingsworth was a founding partner in a new business — S&H Distributing in Dallas, where he still works, two days a week.

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RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Kremlin tied in tangled tale

Lawyer's Trump Tower meeting memo was shared with Moscow

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Natalia Veselnitskaya arrived at a meeting at Trump Tower in June 2016 hoping to interest top Trump campaign officials in the contents of a memo she believed contained information damaging to the Democratic Party and, by extension, Hillary Clinton. The material was the fruit of her research as a private lawyer, she has repeatedly said, and any suggestion that she was acting at the Kremlin's behest that day is anti-Russia "hysteria."

But interviews and records show that in the months before the meeting, Veselnitskaya had discussed the allegations with one of Russia's most powerful officials, the prosecutor general, Yuri Chaika. And the memo she brought with her closely followed a document that Chaika's office had given to a U.S. congressman two months earlier, incorporating some paragraphs verbatim.

FIRST CHARGES approved in Robert Mueller's Russia probe. **9A**

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RICHARDSON | 3-YEAR-OLD'S DEATH

Adopted child had special needs

Parents sought treatment for girl's disabilities, police say

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Sherin Mathews had multiple special needs that her parents sought treatment for before her death, Richardson police confirmed to *The Dallas Morning News* on Friday.

But it's unclear how closely Wesley and Sini Mathews followed the advice of doctors and counselors, and whether middle-of-the-night feedings were prescribed for 3-year-old Sherin, who suffered from malnutrition when she was adopted from India last year, police said.

SHERIN MATHEWS

Wesley Mathews, who was arrested Monday on a

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METRO & STATE

Kaufman DA clears Paxton
Kaufman County authorities say Attorney General Ken Paxton did not break state laws when he took a $100,000 gift from the CEO of a company being investigated. **1B**

Abbott studies plaque issue
Gov. Greg Abbott will look further into the question of whether a Confederate plaque should be removed from the Capitol, his office says. **3B**

NATION

2 rescued after sea ordeal
Two women are rescued at sea after spending months adrift in a crippled sailboat as their distress signals went unanswered. **6A**

WORLD

Opposition to Maduro wilts
Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro appears to have solidified his grip on power after outmaneuvering the opposition. **12A**

BUSINESS

Oil giants' profits soar
Rising crude oil prices helped Exxon Mobil and Chevron report a 50 percent jump in profits during the third quarter, despite Hurricane Harvey. **1D**

Tenet to cut 1,300 jobs
The Dallas-based hospital operator Tenet Healthcare will cut about 1,300 jobs as part of an effort to pare losses; it was unclear where the jobs were located. **1D**

SPORTSDAY

TCU faces surprising test
TCU's Horned Frogs put their unbeaten record on the line Saturday when they take on surprising Iowa State, which is in the Top 25 for the first time in 12 years. **6C**

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'Mario' game is Super
Super Mario Odyssey sets a new high-water mark for 3-D *Mario* games, Britton Peele writes. **1E**

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